Minority Institutes (Elementary Secondary/Senior Secondary Schools)" (IDMI) are earmarked for the benefit of minorities.

(d) and (e) National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) has been established through an Act of Parliament for ensuring that the true amplitude of the educational rights enshrined in Article 30 (1) of the Constitution is available to the members of the notified religious minority communities, including the Muslims.

Lean Manufacturing Scheme for MSMEs

*137. SHRI R.C. SINGH : Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Lean Manufacturing Scheme launched recently for Micro, Small and Medium enterprises in the country;

(b) whether the new scheme enhances the manufacturing competitiveness in this sector which is reeling under various problems;

(c) whether it is a fact that scheme would be implemented initially in 100 MSME clusters; and

(d) if so, the details of clusters identified in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The aims and objectives of the Scheme are to increase the competitiveness of the MSME sector through the adoption of Lean Manufacturing techniques which leads to reducing waste, increasing productivity, introducing innovative practices for improving overall competitiveness, inculcating good management systems and imbibing a culture of continuous improvement.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir, it will be implemented in 100 Mini Clusters.

(d) The Mini Clusters identified so far in the State of Andhra Pradesh are Electricals/ Electric Fans (Hyderabad), Food processing (Hyderabad), Readymade Garments (Hyderabad), Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) (Hyderabad) and Fabrication cluster for ship building (Vishakhapattanam).

Rottening of foodgrains

†*138.SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains under the maintenance of FCI that has rotten or become unworthy of human consumption during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government or any officer bears the cost of spoiled or rotten foodgrains.

(c) the names of agencies which work for keeping he foodgrains unspoilt and whether there is any provision for penalising them on foodgrains getting spoiled; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.